ably at the Assembly session, should be held annually at specified times and places with a view to create a keen and intelligent public interest in municipal affairs.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

99. The desirability of certain improvements to Nagercoil Town.

Mr. D. C. Joseph (Member, Nominated) pointed out that certain streets in the interior of the town of Nagercoil were bauly congested and insanitary and proved a menace to the public health of the town. The percolation of water from the channels and tanks and the stagnant pools formed thereby in certain places rendered matters worse. To remedy the evil, he suggested that a few tap roads should be opened, that some of the narrow streets should be widened and that certain portions of the congested area should be acquired by the Government and resold in bits to house-builders. He also suggested the widening and levelling of the existing Sircar lanes and the opening of two or three short roads. That would encourage people to put up good buildings on either side of those roads. As an instance of a lane, he referred to the lane joining the Town road and the Cape road about 500 yards west of the Kazhuvanthittai Bungalow.

The Member next said that public subscriptions to the extent of Rs. 1,000 had already been collected with a view to open a park in the town in commemoration of the Imperial Coronation. The fund was lying idle for want of a proper site. He requested that the Government should be pleased to grant a site for the purpose. He also requested that a Public Library be opened in the Town.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

100. Water-supply for the town of Nagercoil.

Mr. Manthramoorthi Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) spoke of the scarcity of good drinking water in the town of Nagercoil, especially in the hot weather and said that the use of the bad water in the wells was often the cause of the outbreak of epidemics. He also referred to the danger to the public health of the town by the stagnation of Kodayar water from the channels in several parts of the town. He requested that the Government might be pleased to take such steps as would supply the town with a sufficient quantity of good drinking water.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

101. The desirability of increasing the Government grant to the Town Improvement Committee at Padmanabhapuram.

Mr. S. Lakshminarayana Iyer (Member, T. I. C., Padmanabhapuram) said that, before the constitution of a Town Improvement Committee at Padmanabhapuram, the Government,used to spend about Rs. 1,800 per annum towards the sanitation of the town and that, since the organisation of the Committee, the Government grant was fixed at Rs. 500 per annum. He added that the town stood in need of considerable improvement, by providing more lights, strengthening the T. I. C. staff etc., but the funds at the disposal of the Committee were hardly enough to meet the additional requirements. Padmanabhapuram, he stated, was more important than many of the other towns under which category it had been placed so far as the Government grant was concerned. He therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to increase the present grant to the Committee.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

102. Suggestions for the improvement of the sanitation of the town of Trivandrum.

Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai B. A., B. L., (Member, Trivandrum taluk) said that, as compared with other towns, the town of Trivandrum was far more important as being the seat of the capital, to which people from all parts of the State had to come on several occasions. The health of the town was therefore of paramount importance and required greater attention at the hands of the Government. He

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